



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 17th January 2020



A message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks are whizzing by and this week has been no exception. Year 5 have been learning about the fascinating beliefs of Taoism and how Winnie the Pooh was actually a Taoist. They have also brought their Literacy lessons to life by taking the children on a trip to a Viking village and then off to golden Valhalla. They have been considering what made Alfred 'Great' and started to learn the words to 'Make you Feel my Love' written by Bob Dylan. This week also marked the start of swimming and learning how to order drinks in French so they will be fine if they ever decide to swim across the Channel! Year 6 have been learning about Hinduism: incorporating the festival of light, the beliefs and how it is the oldest religion with roots and customs dating back more than 4,000 years. They have also been learning about the kinds of problems an electrician may face during their science lessons on electricity.

Year 3 have been writing their own exciting stories based on the book, Leon and the Place Between. They have also been learning about friction by investigating how different surfaces affect how far a coin will travel when rolled. Year 4 had the opportunity to ask Emma Slade questions about her journey as a Buddhist Nun. They have been investigating if the Shang Dynasty really existed by being archaeologists and thinking about evidence found in places such as Fu Hao's tomb! One of the children even said she wants to be strong like Fu Hao was when she's older! The week ended with World Religion Day. Miss Oliver led an amazing assembly which began with a fabulous animation about World Religion Day made by Lower School Animation Club. I will be posting this on the school website and our school Facebook page.

Looking into next week, we are incredibly excited about our Winter Themed Arts Week. Each year group will be transforming their classrooms into winter inspired wonderlands- all based on the beautiful stories they have selected for the week, from The Polar Bear by Jackie Morris to Winter's Child by Angela McAllister, to Once Upon a Snow Storm by Richard Johnson. By the end of the week the children will have experienced creating drama, music, photography, artwork and creative writing which will all culminate in our very own WJS Winter Gallery that we will be inviting you to look round, so watch this space. Children will also have their creative writing published in an anthology to celebrate the week- all work will be selected by our Arts Council representatives.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Annie Knoupe

Headteacher's Award...



Iggy 3H for being so enthusiastic about his learning and asking fabulous questions. Well done.



WJS Fundraising...

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Lions Australian Bush Fires Appeal which was held at the WJS Charity Car Parking. The Whitstable and Herne Bay Lions raised £750 with your help and forwarded it to the Appeal.



Winter Multi-Sports Camp...



£20 per day or £50 for 3 days

Selected group activities run by qualified coaches providing a week of fun sports in a safe environment
If you would like to discuss any aspects of what would be on offer then please contact Mr Kidd either via Whitstable Junior School office or via email chriskidd1976@btinternet.com

Attendance and Punctuality Challenge...

Well done to all our attendance HEROES (and their parents and carers).
Here Everyday Ready and On time.

This week has seen the most amazing effort on everyone's part to get to school on time and be here ready for an amazing day of learning. This week's % attendance was **97.54%**. That's awesome at this time of year with those annoying bugs around. The number of children arriving late fell dramatically too. This week we had 2.9% of late arrivals compared to last weeks at 7.3%. That is such a positive change. Thank you so much for your support.



Attendance and Punctuality...

Please phone the school office before 9am if your child is going to be absent.

**Whole School
Attendance
Since Sep 2019
96%**

**Tarik Tiger
Highest % Attendance
Winners**



Class 3G

**Polly and Petur
100% Punctuality
Winners**



**Classes
3G, 3MC, 4O, 4W, 5M, 6H
6RM**

Letters this week.... Don't forget you can find all the letters we email out to you saved on the school website. <http://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

- Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health
- October Multi Sports Booking Form Feb 2020
- Multi Sports Flyer Feb 2020
- Year 4 PG Film Letter Jan 2020



Important dates coming up...

Monday 13th – Friday 7th - Attendance and Punctuality Challenge

Monday 20th – Friday 24th January – WJS Winter Themed Arts Week
February 2020

Monday 3rd February – Friday 7th – Story Telling Week.

Friday 7th February – NSPCC Number Day – Wear a number for the NSPCC.

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day. Visit by Bigfoots Theatre Company for workshops on Cyber-Safety.

Friday 14th –End of Term 3